

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Faasiu Toese, ) C/A No.: 1:22-4436-BHH-SVH  
                  )  
                 Petitioner, )  
                  )  
v.                )  
                  ) ORDER  
Warden Donny Stonebreaker, )  
                  )  
                 Respondent. )  
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This matter is before the court on the motion of Faasiu Toese (“Petitioner”) to appoint a Samoan interpreter. [ECF No. 25]. The undersigned has reviewed Petitioner’s filings and the state record in this case and finds that no interpreter is constitutionally-warranted. Petitioner’s communications in English display more than adequate comprehension and communication. Although Petitioner may have difficulty understanding all legal concepts, such issues are faced by native-English speakers and do not appear to be the result of a language barrier. For these reasons, Petitioner’s motion is denied.

Petitioner has also moved for an extension of time to respond to Respondent’s motion for summary judgment. [ECF No. 25]. Petitioner’s motion is granted and his deadline for filing a response is now June 29, 2023.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

May 30, 2023  
Columbia, South Carolina



Shiva V. Hodges  
United States Magistrate Judge